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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

10 BREND A M JOHNSON,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT  
14 OF SOCIAL HEALTH,  
15 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD  
SUPPORT, CITY OF TACOMA,  
OAH,

16 Defendants.  
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CASE NO. C21-5242 MJP

ORDER DECLINING TO SERVE  
COMPLAINT AND GRANTING  
LEAVE TO AMEND

18 Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint with this court. The Court, having reviewed the  
19 complaint and record, does hereby find and ORDER that the complaint is defective for the  
20 following reasons:

21 (1) Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provide that

22 A pleading that states a claim for relief must contain: (1) a short and plain statement of  
23 the grounds for the court's jurisdiction, unless the court already has jurisdiction and the  
claim needs no new jurisdictional support; (2) a short and plain statement of the claim  
24 showing that the pleader is entitled to relief; and (3) a demand for the relief sought, which  
may include relief in the alternative or different types of relief.

1 Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a).

2 Plaintiff's complaint does not comply with any of the requirements set forth in Rule 8(a).  
3 The complaint does not set forth a plain statement of the factual allegations, the basis for the  
4 Court's jurisdiction, or the reasons Plaintiff is entitled to relief. If Plaintiff wishes to proceed  
5 with this action, she must specifically identify the basis for this Court's jurisdiction. In addition,  
6 she must provide the Court with a clear statement of the factual allegations relevant to her claim,  
7 and she must provide a clear and concise demand for relief.

8 (2) Plaintiff may file an amended complaint curing the above-mentioned deficiencies  
9 within thirty days of the date on which this Order is signed. The amended complaint must be  
10 legible and must be sufficiently clear to produce a readable scanned image. In addition, the  
11 amended complaint must carry the same case number as this one. If no amended complaint is  
12 timely filed, the Court will recommend that this matter be dismissed under 28 U.S.C. §  
13 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).

14 Plaintiff is advised that an amended pleading operates as a complete substitute for an  
15 original pleading. See Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992) (citing Hal Roach  
16 Studies, Inc. v. Richard Feiner & Co., Inc., 896 F.2d 1552, 1546 (9th Cir. 1990) (as amended),  
17 cert. denied, 506 U.S.915 (1992)). Thus, if Plaintiff chooses to file an amended complaint, the  
18 Court will not consider her original complaint.

19 (3) The Clerk is directed to send Plaintiff the appropriate forms so that she may file  
20 an amended complaint. The Clerk is further directed to send copies of this Order, and of the  
21 General Order, to Plaintiff.

22 (4) Plaintiff has emailed various materials to [pechmanorders@wawd.uscourts.gov](mailto:pechmanorders@wawd.uscourts.gov),  
23 which have not and will not be considered received or filed. Plaintiff is advised that any future  
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1 filings submitted in this matter must be mailed or delivered to the drop box in the lobby of the  
2 courthouse in order for them to be posted to the docket. Plaintiff may also register for electronic  
3 filing and file matters on the docket through the Court's CM/ECF system. If Plaintiff wishes to  
4 do so, she must complete the registration process. If Plaintiff needs assistance with completing  
5 the registration process, please contact the ECF Team @ ECF Support US District Court,  
6 Western Washington 206-370-8440 (choose option 2) cmecf@wawd.uscourts.gov.

7 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to Plaintiff and all counsel.

8 Dated June 22, 2021.

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10 Marsha J. Pechman  
11 United States Senior District Judge  
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